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## PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: Lee et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This response is submitted to address the Office Action dated February 14, 2002  
(Paper No. 7).

REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application is anticipated under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or obvious under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 103. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

I. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 22-28 AND 32-38 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102A. Claim 22

The Examiner in Paragraph 2 of the Office Action rejected claim 22 as being anticipated by the Gunnewiek *et al.* patent (United States patent 5,606,371 issued February 27, 1997). The rejection is respectfully traversed.